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SUBJ: EXPANSION OF OAU NMOG FOR RWANDA

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2. AMBASSADOR, ALONG WITH HIS FRENCH AND BELGIAN COUNTERPARTS, MET WITH ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM AHMED SALIM AT SALIM'S REQUEST ON JULY 12. SALIM CALLED THEM TO DISCUSS THE EXPANSION OF THE NEUTRAL MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP (NMOG) IN RWANDA. SALIM SAID THAT HE PLANS TO WITHDRAW THE CURRENT NMOG WHICH HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR OVER 9 MONTHS AND TO REPLACE IT WITH NEW TROOPS INCLUDING FORCES FROM TWO NEW CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES: TUNISIA AND CONGO. HE HOPES THAT NIGERIA WILL CONTRIBUTE A COMPOSITE COMPANY OF 120 PEOPLE, BUT IF, DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION IN NIGERIA, THEY ARE UNABLE TO DO SO, HE WILL GO AHEAD WITH THE NMOG EXPANSION USING FORCES FROM SENEGAL, MALI, CONGO, ZIMBABWE, AND TUNISIA (A TOTAL OF ABOUT 120). THE MAJOR PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IS TRANSPORT. SALIM ASKED THE DONOR AMBASSADORS WHAT THEIR COUNTRIES CAN OFFER IN THE WAY OF TRANSPORT. HE STRESSED THE NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY AND SAID THAT HE WANTS TO SEE THE EXPANDED NMOG CONFIDENTIAL

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- 3. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT THE OAU STILL HAS SOME AMERICAN-DONATED FUNDS AND THAT THE OAU MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE SOME OF THAT MONEY TO EXPAND THE NMOG. HE SAID THAT UNTIL NOW, WE DID NOT HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF THE OAU'S TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION FOR EXPANDING NMOG -- NOW WE SEE THINGS MORE CLEARLY. THE OAU NEEDS TRANSPORT, BY JULY 27, FOR 120-240 SOLDIERS (120 IF NIGERIA DOES NOT SEND A COMPOSITE COMPANY, 240 IF IT DOES). SALIM SAID THAT THE OTHER NEEDS REMAIN THE SAME, I.E., COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, ETC. SALIM PRESSED FOR A RESPONSE THIS WEEK.
- 4. SALIM SAID THAT THE PARTIES IN ARUSHA WILL NOT/NOT SIGN AN AGREEMENT BY JULY 15 AS WAS PREVIOUSLY HOPED. THERE ARE STILL FOUR OUTSTANDING, UNRESOLVED ISSUES: STANDARDIZATION OF IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS (THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER SHOULD HAVE TO UNDERGO THE SAME PROCEEDINGS IF THEY ARE TO BE IMPEACHED); DECISION ON WHO WILL BE THE PRIME MINISTER; COMMAND STRUCTURE; AND LOCATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. SALIM THINKS THAT THESE ISSUES WILL BE RESOLVED WITH RELATIVE EASE, BUT NOT BY JULY 15 AND THUS THE SIGNING WILL

LIKELY TAKE PLACE AFTER THAT DATE. UNCLASSIFIED

5. ONE OF SALIM'S MAIN CONCERNS IS UN INVOLVEMENT IN PEACEKEPING. HE IS RELYING ON THE UN TO ACT AS THE COORDINATING BODY TO IMPLEMENT PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT. FRENCH AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS TOLD SALIM THAT THERE IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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GREAT ENTHUSIASM EITHER ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL OR IN THE UN SECRETARIAT FOR UN INVOLVEMENT IN RWANDA. SALIM SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE OAU DOES NOT WANT TO BITE OFF MORE THAN IT CAN CHEW IN PEACEKEEPING AND WANTS TO TURN TO THE BODY WITH THE EXPERTISE -- THE UNITED NATIONS. HE SAID THAT THE MAIN PARTICIPANTS MIGHT BE AFRICAN, BUT THE UN MUST BE THE OVERALL BODY IN CHARGE AND THERE SHOULD BE ONLY ONE CENTRAL COMMAND. PEARSON

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